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Detroit Dec. 16th 1869.

Mrs. M. A. S. Cary

Dear Madam

Yours containing
report of your doings at the "Colored
Men's Sabor Convention" came duly to
hand, and I am pleased to say
that I have spoken to several, and
they all seem satisfied with your
course, and are under obligations
to you. Four of us (by actual count)
had a conference with Mr. Stebbins
last week, he gave us a verbal
statement of the doings of the con-
vention, he also spoke of your
efficiency as a delegate.
I am much obliged to you for
the honor conferred by making me
a permanent member of the organ-
ization, you should have thought
that I cannot well represent the

people, we do not think alike
or act together in any respect
to suit me, others with none
Charity that I have - have tried
them and failed, and I am very
sure I should. I am willing to
do any thing I can to help along
the good cause, but I cannot
with one or two others hear all of
the burthen.
After having notices read in both of
the churches, how many do you suppose
attended the meeting to send a delegate
to Washington? About forty men and
boys - about two dozen stand, we
had twenty five dollars subscribed,
we collected twenty two, sent you
Ten, gave Mr. S. Ten, Mr. DrBaptiste
promising to give him the other ten
on his return, three of it we cannot
collect - the five was made good by
Mr. DrB. He sent of the hall I
was responsible for and had to

pay the greater portion of it.
If the truth must be told you
and Mr. S. were chosen because we
were too poor to raise the amount
to send any one from here. Not
that if you had been here and the
money could have been raised but
that you would have been chosen.
But speaking of what is a fact we
could not raise enough money to send
any one there and back. I do not know
how Mr. S. did exactly get there but
we did not pay his way and only
gave him the amt. for incidental
expenses. He is in the employ of the
Protective tariff men and I think they
paid his way.
I am pleased to hear that the
convention was a success. I trust
that great good may result there
from.
Mr. Brevalick has been in the shop
once or twice since his return.

he was much pleased with the
convention, he says though that
they are not all honest guen I
thought.

But I must bring these
lines to a close,
Wishing you the complements
of the season, and that they
may find you in good health
and prosperity.

I am yours
very truly

Wm. L. Watson

P.S. My family are quite well and
send kind regards -

S. S. M.

Mrs. M. A. S. Barry
Washington D.C.